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the business of at least helping our law enforcement officials and our courts in being able to establish the fact that when a person has a valid driver's license that it is his particular license. We had testimony from city prosecutors, we had testimony from police officers and from the clerk of the district court here in Lancaster county pointing up that many times our driver's license has been used in an invalid manner. Also pointing up and it is no secret and it is also true that the Nebraska driver's license is the most easily forged, it is the one most easily counterfeited and used as a driver's license. And so it is for protection of us as citizens, as consumers, in the fact that if our license were to be stolen that it would be used--it could not then be used by somebody else as sometimes they are now or if our license were stolen and then reprinted or reproduced it could then be used by other people for other purposes other than for our own protection to drive. And as they pointed out that sometimes in the courts that people will come in with other people's driver's license to keep their own record clean. I think, so what we are talking about in this bill is actually a protection of the person's right to use his driver's license in Nebraska as a drivers' license in the fact that he will be able to use it. So I think that what we are talking about here is protection for the common citizen. Also, we have had raised the question as to whether the county officials were in favor of this bill or opposed and I would like to answer some of those particular comments that were raised by Senator Nore. It is true that not all county officials and county treasurers are in complete agreement but I think that there is one section of the bill that Senator Nore has failed to look at and that is the fact that my County Treasurer has said "Whenever you give us additional duties would you please make sure that we will be able to pay for those particular duties that you sometimes give to us without providing any funding" and this bill has also taken care of that because at the present time for what the County Treasurers do in relationship of reissue--of issuing the drivers license they are given 5% of the total fee and this particular bill would raise that to 10%

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